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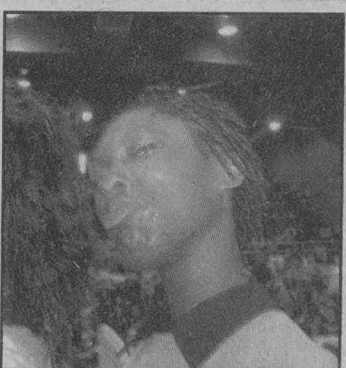
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 Thunderstorms HI 68°F LO 48°F	 Partly Cloudy HI 65°F LO 42°F
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North Carolina A&T State University Student Newspaper

New Mr. Aggie, more power and greater responsibility

By ANDREA FULLER
Contributor

This year's Mr. Aggie Pageant was a new beginning as the annual event moves from September to April to correspond with the Student Government Association (SGA) elections.

"The reason why we are doing it in the spring now is for planning purposes," says Derrick Love, president of the Student Union Advisory Board (SUAB), "the nature of the university is dictating that we do things earlier and get things in place beforehand so that we can plan much better. What had happened in the past, when we installed Mr. Aggie, we already had everything in place...When Mr. Aggie tries to implement his ideas, he's left out in the cold and he has no place to be able to do it. He has no idea of what is going on."

The theme: "The Unveiling of an Illustrious King," brought out six competitors for the title of Mr. Aggie. The pageant also brought back past Mr. Aggies with Darell Young, Mr. Aggie 2002-2003, serving as the emcee of the

evening.

The first event comprised of the introduction of contestants and how they define Aggie Pride. Following the introduction was the talent showcase. The audience witnessed various performances such as a dance routine performed by Contestant Number Two Joshua Green off R. Kelly's hit "Vibe." Darren Brand, another contestant, performed scenes from the hit movies "The Color Purple," "Coming to America" and "Diary of Mad Black Woman." Other talents showcased were singing that was accompanied by background singers and freestyle.

The third event of the evening was the Aggie Pride Chant. Each contestant had to give their own rendition of the Aggie Pride Chant with the help of the crowds. This event, showed the contestants' creativity as they demonstrated to the judges who has the most "Aggie Pride."

The professional attire/improptu question was the last event of the evening in which contestants had to answer a question that they did not have prior knowledge before-



Photo by Erica Franklin

At the 25th Annual Mr. Aggie Pageant Uche Byrd(right), passes the torch to electrical engineering major Joshua Green for next year.

hand. The questions all referred to the title and duties of Mr. Aggie and how the contestant will perform if granted the title of Mr. Aggie. Majority of the contestants all revealed that they will represent the university, SUAB, and the male body of A&T; however a

few contestants were unique about their answers.

Contestant Willie White stated that making decisions that will affect the student body would be the biggest challenge he would face as Mr. Aggie.

Contestant Darren Brand explained his

love for A&T and wanted to have an annual field day as most people experienced in middle school if he was chosen as Mr. Aggie.

Joshua Green was asked to describe himself with a

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LAMBDA CHI ALPHA HOPING FOR CHARTER, RESPECT

By ALEXIS K. MASON
Contributor

Lambda Chi Alpha has been on the campus of A&T since 2001 as a colony, and now it seems that the fraternity is on its way to becoming a chartered chapter. "We hoped to be chartered as early as Apr. 16," said Cliff Lowery, director of Multicultural Student Affairs and advisor of Lambda Chi Alpha.

Lambda Chi Alpha is currently a colony, meaning they can only accept associate members through their various social events and programs, and men who want to join must express their interest in the organization at which time the brothers would take a vote and decide on their membership. Difficult tasks like these have been some of the major problems Lambda Chi Alpha have been challenge with since their colonization in 2001. "It's hard to keep members because minority [presence] students often time transfer to other schools," said Lowery. "But I am happy to say that we now have the 20 member needed," add Lowery.

Lambda Chi Alpha is a fraternity that represents diversity and believes that their organization will give students an outlet from the other fraternities and their standards. Lambda Chi

Alpha was founded in 1909 on the campus of Boston University by Warren A. Cole. Today, Lambda Chi Alpha is one of the largest men's fraternities in North America with more than 227,000 initiated members and chapters at more than 300 universities. The fraternity was the first organization to eliminate hazing. "We treat each man as a man and nothing less," said Terrell Brown, President of Lambda Chi Alpha. In Lambda Chi Alpha the associate members are given the same right as there brothers who are full members. The associate members are able to hold offices in the fraternity as well as being able to have a vote in the fraternity. Instead of hazing, the fraternity uses different methods in creating brotherhood in the organization. They have social events, community service projects, and they also attend activities on campus together as ways of getting to know each other and creating a bond amongst one another. "I enjoy watching two member play football together and eat lunch together, because it's difficult for them to find time together since they do not all live in a specific area," said Lowery.

Once the colony becomes a chapter the associate members then have the choice of becoming broth-

ers of the fraternity, at which time the associate member declares that he wants to become a brother. Then he is taken in by his fellow member where they go through the process of about the fraternity and how to be a good brother to the organization.

Unlike the other fraternities on A&T's campus it is not traditional for Lambda Chi Alpha to have probates. "As a colony we are not allowed to participate in probates," said Brown, "but next year we will have to come up with a way to introduce ourselves to the public," Brown added. It is also not in the Lambda Chi Alpha tradition to have a step team but once the colony is chartered on this campus the members want to form a step team in hopes that other chapters of the fraternity will follow them in creating a new tradition. "A lot of the guys are very excited about forming a step team," said Lowery. The fraternity looks at this idea as another way to have fun and bond with each other.

Another thing that the fraternity wants, once they are chartered, is a plot on campus. The members have already discussed ideas about having a plot and what area they would like it to be on.

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Student groups tackling high-priced textbooks

Victoria McNair
Contributor

With college fees at an all time high, and the tedious pace of the financial aid programs, education is getting harder for some students to afford. Now, with the increase in textbook costs, paying for school is becoming even more of a strain.

A student taking a full course load can sometimes pay as much as \$900 a year in textbooks alone. Add the cost of books with the constantly rising cost of tuition, and you have a tighter lock on student's already tight budgets.

A national campaign started by the California Student Public Interest Research Group, also known as CalPIRG, studied this issue in hopes to find a reasonable solution. CalPIRG provides students with a way to reduce the costs of their text books, as well as trying to make changes in publishing practices that will change the cost of text book permanently.

A January 2004 report found that textbook publishers engage in a number of market practices that drive up the price of textbooks for college and university students. This report surveyed the most taught books on different college campuses in California and Oregon.

As a result of surveys, it has been shown that although students can pay about \$900 dollars in textbooks a year, some publishers drive up coast by printing new editions with minor changes, making older editions virtually obsolete.

"Our findings confirm what every student already knows," Arista Hickman, a coordinator for OSPIRG (Oregon State Public Interest Group) Affordable Textbooks Campaign, told a crowd of about 25 students and community members. "The bottom line is this: Textbook publishers are ripping off students."

The survey added faculty as well, asking what changes they noticed, if any, and how often the text was used in their classes. The overall survey found that some publishers add material, or "bells and whistles" to books, that faculty "rarely", or "never" use, intending to drive up prices. These added material may include, CD-ROMs or workbooks that are shrink wrapped with the text.

The campaign began in February of 2004, when Ronald Schlosser, CEO of Thomson Learning, Inc, received a letter from the members of the CalPIRG expressing their deep con-

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A&T Greek Lines Unveiled

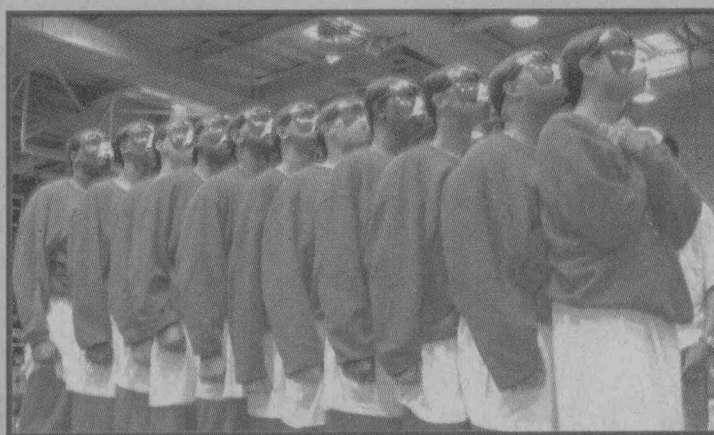
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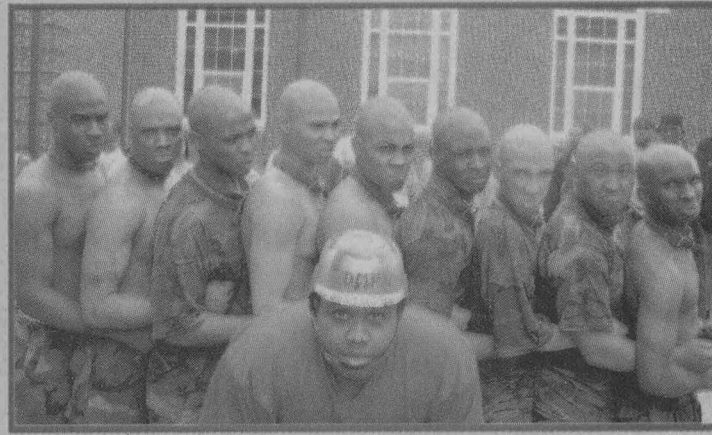
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Eta Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma



Mu Psi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi



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1. Ricky Bennett
2. Stacey Spicer
3. Tedric Vernon
4. Morgan Cornelius
5. Le'Johnny Anthony
6. Jordan Waddell
7. Corey Caldwell
8. Brandon Branch
9. Wilfred Billingsly
10. Bryan Waring
11. Marvin Rouse
12. Omar Kinnebrew
13. Andrew Headd
14. Brandon J. Dillahunt
15. Victor Collins

Back Against The Wall

1. Zachard Roberson
2. Vendell Brooks
3. Leon Grant IV
4. Jamael Turner
5. Brandon Nahilla
6. Troy Young
7. Dennis Harris, Jr.
8. Allen James III
9. Jonathan Harlston
10. Darren Arrington
11. Marquinn Mason

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1. Marcus Madre
2. Ronald Keith Murphy II
3. Charles Barnes
4. Jubril Ogunbunmi
5. Robert Hudson
6. William Medley
7. Brooks Shands
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Beta Epsilon Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha



Zeta Alpha Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta



Gamma Chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho



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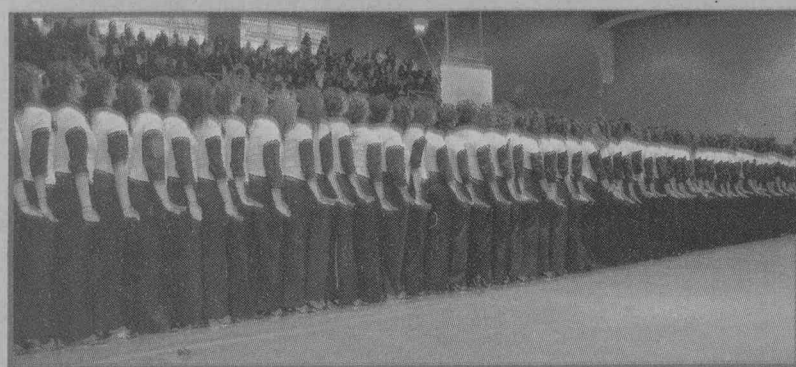
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4. Keith Carlton
5. Bobby Teachey
6. Richard Berryman
7. Derrick Beasley
8. Randall Ellington
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10. Jordan Page
11. Christian Hill
12. Ishmail Abdus-Saboor
13. Ansen Jones

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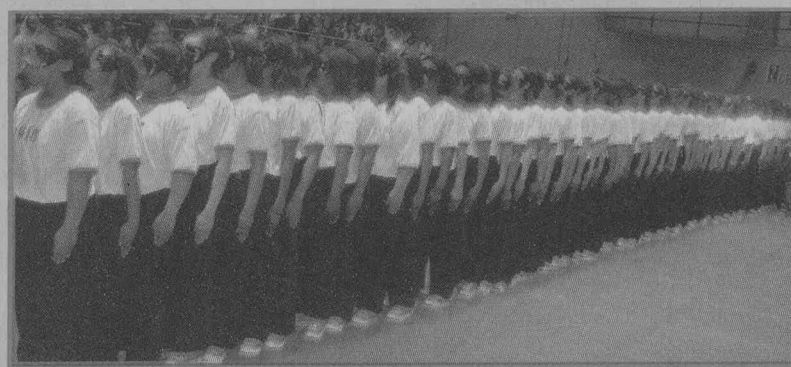
1. Nakhia Crossley
2. Deanna Andrews
3. Laquetta Hayes
4. Jemania Morgan
5. Jessica Mokoy
6. Cheri Grigg
7. Shakira Johnson
8. Jeneva Garrett
9. Precious Tomlin

Margaletta Smith

Alpha Phi Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha



Alpha Mu Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta



Tiffany Balmer
Kelly Bigelow
Mercedes Brooks
Ciely Bullock
Mary Chambers
Candace Coston
Shana Bicks
Shari Dunn
LaTisha Durham
Shari Faison
Jasmine Fisher
Tiffany Green
Chanda Hall
Tiana Honey
Shariva Hope
Khaliyah Hughes
Rochelle Johnson
Shannon Jones
Kimberly Jordan
Waynette Kimball

Kiir Knight
Sonya Lamb
Sharnae Lecrand
Kineta Lewis
Takiya Lewis
Monique McAllister
Holly Madrey
Phyllis Madrey
Mercedes Maldonado
Mieka Marson
Kristin Martin
Nikkia Martin
Erica Mitchell
Carie Mitchell
Natalya Monah
Sabrina Neill
Adenike Opetubo
Melanie Oro
Chavon Parker
Karen Peters

Tiffanie Purvis
Ashley Riggs
Ashley Robinson
Gerilyn Sampson
Williamae CoCo Scott
Jessica Simmons
Tevita Stephens
Joy Thompson
Makeda Tillman
Ashley Tolbert
Jerren Turley
Kristia Watkins
Chenae White
Chanielle Williams
Kanika Williams
Portia Williams
Tiffany Williams
Brenda Wise
Kelli Wright

Pandemonium: A Few Casualties... & Prevailed

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| 1. Tracey Spruill | 25. Amber Gunning | 49. Melanie Brown |
| 2. Telexa Cobbins | 26. Ashley Farr | 50. Renika Gibson |
| 3. Stacey Spruill | 27. Erika Williams | 51. Angela Cain |
| 4. Michelle Glover | 28. Christa Newkirk | 52. Asha Clinkscales |
| 5. Kelli Gary | 29. Andrea Fuller | 53. Ashley Booth |
| 6. Chinata Robinson | 30. Lillian Davis | 54. Lauren Reed |
| 7. Erika Groover | 31. Samantha Bailey | 55. Monica Barnette |
| 8. Desiree Monair | 32. Stephanie Parker | 56. Ebony Brown |
| 9. Janelle Mason | 33. Desiree Gordon | 57. Melanie Matthews |
| 10. Thelma Sparks | 34. Maxine Bynum | 58. Jessica Williams |
| 11. Georgia Sawyer | 35. Raisha Warren | 59. Tiffany Cannady |
| 12. Patrice Murphy | 36. Jhere Rowland | 60. Aerin Gilbert |
| 13. Erika Atkins | 37. Brandlyn Alston | 61. Lynn Taylor |
| 14. Candace Collins | 38. Alexis Giles | 62. Jessica Brinkley |
| 15. Tara Wilson | 39. Lillian Galloway | 63. Rachel Wilson |
| 16. Deborah Thompson | 40. Ashley Akrie | 64. Denada Jackson |
| 17. Candace Boykin | 41. Crystal Geter | 65. Christina Morrissey |
| 18. Ayo Corbett | 42. Megan Rowls | 66. Tecara Bracey |
| 19. Kiera Peoples | 43. Deborah McGrady | 67. Andrea Thomas |
| 20. Leah Boyd | 44. Ronadah Nelson | |
| 21. Teresa Wyatt | 45. Lolita Martin | |
| 22. Tiera Peoples | 46. Kinika Sabona | |
| 23. Brittani Smith | 47. Teixeira Williams | |
| 24. Erin Hedges | 48. Tylar Johnson | |

Textbooks

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cern with cost of textbooks. CalPIRG expressed the feelings of students across the nation, in hopes of coming to a solution.

Adam Gaber, Director of Thomson Learning Inc. Public Relations, said the add-ons respond to the needs expressed by faculty as well as student. "While these additional resources greatly enhance the value of textbooks, they also drive up the costs of developing, maintaining and supporting the modern textbook," Gaber said.

According to the survey, new editions, which make cheaper older editions obsolete, are also hitting bookstores more frequently and often include few changes. Seventy-six percent of faculty surveyed said that they felt the new editions are "never" or "half the time" justified.

Recently the Public Interest Research Groups were joined by the New Jersey Public Interest Research Group, also known as NJPIRG, and the Oregon State Public Interest Group, to make publishers aware that students are tired of paying publishing cost that raise textbook prices.

"With rising cost of tuition, it really hits home, especially for college kids" says Lauren Michaels, coordinator of the New Jersey Public Interest Groups Student Chapters campaign. "Is it really necessary for

students to pay an additional \$40 or more simply to have new exercises?" said Michaels.

With the results of the survey, and the reactions from students from the constantly rising cost in text books, these public interest groups are working to find a solution that works for everyone.

CalPIRG has come up with a way to help students find affordable textbooks by launching a non-profit, student run online book swap. This way, students are able to search used books, as well as sell books that bookstores won't buy back. Public interest groups also suggest working with faculty, suggesting they help students by creating a syllabus for both new and old editions.

Students are borrowing more, and working longer hours in order to pay for their educations. "It's appalling that while students contend with rising college costs, publishers are playing games to increase prices" says Kip Edwards, a University of Maryland student and MaryPIRG Affordable Textbook Campaign Coordinator.

Public interest groups across the nation have bonded together in hopes to help students pay for their educations. This campaign continues today, through letters, emails, and open forums conducted by the CalPIRGs. For more information on further actions being taken, contact the California Public Interest Group at www.calprigstudents.org



Lambda Chi

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The members have already selected a plot manager and have been looking at a few sites that they will recommend to the campus, "If all goes well we could have a plot by next fall," said Lowery.

Lambda Chi Alpha wants everyone to know that they

are not trying to take over any fraternity, the members just look at this new venture as a change. "Lambda Chi Alpha represents diversity and a way for those who can't relate to the other to fraternities to have some place to belong," said Brown. This is a common misconception that Lambda Chi Alpha is not a real fraternity but with the charter the fraternity is hoping that

others will see them as a real fraternity.

"I feel like Lambda Chi Alpha may not be recognized to the public as a real fraternity at first but in time the public will grow to except them for what they are, a real fraternity," said Matthew Melvin, a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity. In spite of the the lack of support that Lambda Chi Alpha

may have, they believe that A&T is going to accept them.

"The guys and I are excited about becoming a chapter on A&T's campus, and it has been so exciting working with these guys for four years and watching them develop into men," said Lowery. "I see these guys doing great things with Lambda Chi Alpha in the future."

Mr. Aggie

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quote. He replied training a child in the way he should go. He used this in reference to the passing of his mother, who he gives credit to for raising him to be the person he is today.

After the impromptu

questioning, Verge performed as the judges began to tally up the scores of the contestants.

Following the Verge performance, Mr. Aggie 2004-2005 Uche Byrd gave a last farewell with a poem. Byrd explained his expectations for the new Mr. Aggie.

"I expect from him to take

the ball, and keep rolling with it," says Byrd "I think he is going to do bigger things."

The announcement of Mr. Aggie came underway with Miss A&T 2004-2005 Latiera Streeter handing out the prizes to runners-up and the winner. Second runner-up was Marvin DeWitt Jr., fol-

lowed by first runner-up, Darren Brand. The new Mr. Aggie 2005-2006 is Joshua Green.

"It feels great...I always wanted to do this since I've been here," said Green.

Green has a lot of goals in the future that he wants to implement as Mr. Aggie.

"[I want to] make sure the

Aggie experience is something big for the students. [I want to] make sure everybody is welcome and know what is going on around campus."

When asked about having his powers heightened to those of Miss A&T:

"I want Mr. Aggie to be big as possible," said Green.

Joshua Green is a junior electrical engineering major from Greensboro. He serves as the drum major of the A&T band and is a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

2005 Aggie Fest Events

Saturday April 9, 2005

The Aggie Fest Kick-off Gym Jam
Moore Gymnasium
9 p.m.-1 a.m.
\$2 tickets: A&T Students Only

Thursday April 14, 2005

Couture Productions Fashion Show
Carolina Theatre
8 p.m. - 12 p.m.
\$7 students / \$10 non-A&T students

Sunday April 10, 2005

Greek Football Game
Football game between fellow fraternities
Holland Bowl
2 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Free

Friday April 15, 2005

Pan-Hell Step Show
Corbett Gymnasium
7 p.m.
\$5 A&T students / \$7 other students
/ \$10 General public

Monday April 11, 2005

Back to the Bowl/ Cook-Out
Go-Go Concert feat. several bands
(UCB, H.O.O.D., ect.)
Holland Bowl
4 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Free with student I.D.

Saturday April 16, 2005

Concert
Corbett Sports Center
7 p.m. - 11p.m.
\$5 A&T students / \$7 other students
/ \$10 General public

Tuesday April 12, 2005

Residence Hall Step Off
Step show between campus dormitories
Moore Gymnasium
7 p.m. - 11 p.m.
Free Tickets: A&T Student Only

Sunday April 17, 2005

Second Annual Prom
Williams Cafeteria (right side) /
Kress Terrace
7 p.m.
\$3 single / \$5 couple

Wednesday April 13, 2005

1st Annual Above the Rim Basketball
Classic
Residence hall basketball tournament
Moore Gymnasium (Outside Courts)
9 p.m. - 12 p.m.
Free with student I.D.

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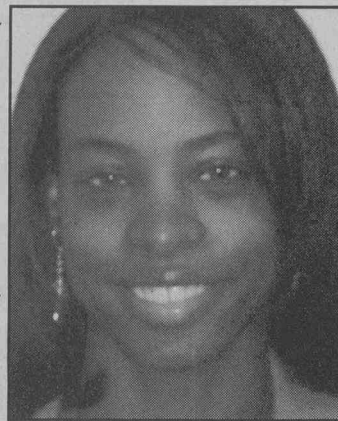
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Approaching graduation brings anxiety

I came to college to get an education, to better myself, to meet new people and to broaden my horizons. I absolutely feel that I have gotten the most out of my time at A&T State University. Right now, I am scheduled to graduate in May.



COMMENTARY BY
SHASHONDA DUKES

Graduate ... from college. Sometimes those words creep up on me, like when I am in the student union, sitting in class, hanging out with my friends. OK, not sometimes. They always creep up on me. What is there to be scared of though?

Shouldn't I be excited about the big world out there? Shouldn't I be excited about becoming intermixed with the fast paced city street-walkers, losing the title of poor college student, gaining a normal sleeping pattern and losing the word "homework" from my vocabulary altogether?

People say that in life, happiness comes from doing what you love. How idealistic and wonderful that all sounds when you begin your freshman year of college. Ah, I remember it like it was yesterday. Then, when you become a senior, things start becoming all too realistic.

When thinking about that fateful graduation day, you do so with big plans of seeking out a career that you love and will maybe give you the big bucks one day. Then you realize that you have to start paying things like car insurance, health insurance, maybe a cell phone bill and rent.

All of this is OK, but then my fear is this is how people get stuck in dead-end jobs that they hate that cause them to wake up one day and have an "Office Space" crisis. This is my thought process.

I want to graduate and get a job in my field of interest, gain some experience and then go back to school for my master's degree. For many, the problem with getting

a job in their field of interest isn't even so much the poor job market right now. It is this little word with a lot of weight called EXPERIENCE. How are you supposed to get experience though, if no one will hire you because you don't have experience? So suddenly, the reality that your dreams may putter along slowly before coming true is a hard reality to face.

The future is uncertain, but wait — maybe that isn't a bad thing, maybe it is just something you have to come to grips with before you end up living in your parents' house again, back in the twin bed, back to hearing your mom say things like: "You need to get a job and do something with your life!" Which, by the way, for those of you who are going to have to make this move, as anti-climatic as it sounds, it is not a bad decision.

It will get you on your feet while you are looking for that job that will get you that job that will — well, you get it — eventually land you the job of your dreams, or at least in the life you always dreamed of.

Look around you, though. America is not what it used to be. As a nation we are growing more liberal, more multicultural, more educated and more open-minded than ever before. What once was the "American dream" does not fit a cookie-cutter mold anymore. So your dreams don't have to either. Let them take you wherever you want, who cares what people think or say about it.

Last year at Homecoming, I saw a lot of people who said: "Ah, it's awful, the real world, there are no jobs, no this, no that." How many times have you heard someone say: "Stay in college as long as you possibly can?"

In some instances, I believe in the philosophy of "stop playing once the game gets good." College will leave a permanent mark on your life. In the grand scheme of things, graduating is just the beginning of it all.

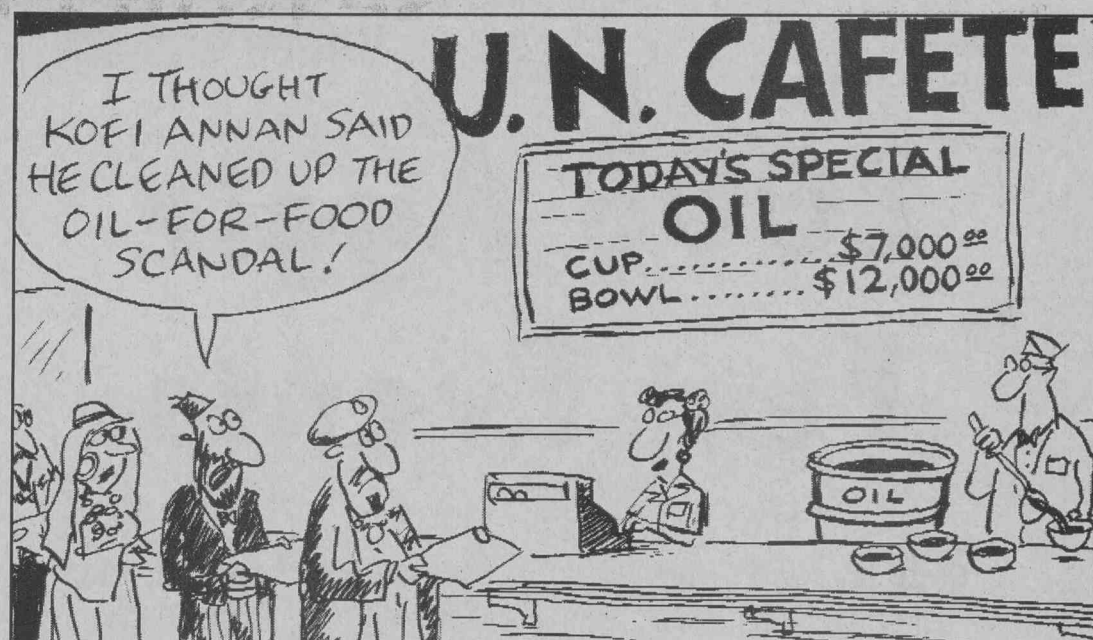
After four years, I can look back and say I am just as uncertain about the future as I was then. Hopefully, I am just a whole lot smarter about who I am when it comes to dealing with it. Because the thing is, no matter how much we plan, how much structure and school we have been used to having dictate our next move, we can never plan what life is going to throw our way.



QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"The truth of the matter is that you always know the right thing to do. The hard part is doing it."

Norman Schwarzkopf



Changing seasons a time for reflection (it's what all the cool kids are doing)

BY **CHAD ROBERTS**
 Editor-in-Chief

Finally! The weather is warming up, car windows are rolling down and my brains are almost fully defrosted from the winter-time semi-coma. I have to say, it was a very rough winter. Hunting for weapons of mass destruction really did a number on oil and gas prices. It forced me to use electric heat most of the season, much to my landlord's dismay. (Sorry Dr. Casterlow. I'm going to buy you a house, as soon as I hit the lottery.)

Times like these, when spring is in the air, I like to reflect on the developments of the previous six months — the time of year when the heavy coats came out, the heater (hope you weren't using electric, too) was on full blast, and it started getting dark not too long after lunch.

Where to start? Well, while most students had

gone home for Christmas vacation, A&T and UNCG announced an executive director for the Greensboro Center for Innovative Development, the joint project better known as the "Millennium Campus." I know the collaboration means more money and exposure for both institutions, but this is the kind of development that fuels talk of an A&T-UNCG merger.

I can imagine it now. A&T and UNCG expand and swallow up Greensboro College, eventually meeting somewhere in the center of the city on Market Street. Downtown Greensboro becomes one big university, and there is still nowhere to park.

"All the cool kids are doing it!" I heard that phrase for the first time in a long time one morning at work. Just thought I'd share.

The last of the "original Scott Hall" bricks got carried away last year. I was sad to see the old dorm

come down. I had my share of wild and crazy nights in there, and so did many other Aggies.

Little-known fact: Before Scott Hall opened in 1951, many guys who went to A&T, especially athletes, were housed in old Army barracks off of Sullivan Street. The buildings are still standing, too — A&T uses them for warehouses and stores surplus furniture and equipment there.

The North Carolina government is once again considering starting a state-run lottery. Judging by public opinion and recent legislative action, it might really happen this time. I guess this means I can buy Dr. Casterlow a house.

In reality, a lottery is bad public policy. Contrary to what pro-lottery politicians say, it does NOT provide an increase of money to education; it only replaces some of the education funding, which politicians will cut out of the budget once

there's lottery income to take up the slack. Furthermore, the state has to spend millions of dollars to advertise and publicize the lottery. Do you know where gambling is advertised the most? In low-income (read: minority) neighborhoods where hopes that you can get rich quick are highest. Call it a voluntary tax increase on those who need it the least.

But who cares? All the cool kids are doing it! Chancellor Renick FINALLY decided to make plans for A&T to build a parking deck. His wife probably made him do it. Where the parking deck will be, and how many cars it will hold, is beyond the scope of my research. But trust me, when I know, you'll know.

On a personal note, I won a Dow Jones Newspaper Fund internship to the Macon Telegraph in Macon, Ga. My dad and I went down there over spring break to scope the place out. I have cousins in the area,



and we all got reacquainted. The last time I saw most of them was sometime in the late 80's or early 90's, when we wore socks pulled up to our kneecaps, camouflage shorts, Reeboks and the shirts with the little alligator stitched in the corner. All these years later, and what do we have? Tube socks,

camouflage everything, Reebok Classics...and shirts with the little alligator stitched on the front.

I guess all the cool kids really are doing it.

What's Next!!

Fashion Overkill

By CANDRA WHITLEY
Contributor

Last issue we touched on summer fashion etiquette, this week an issue has been raised amongst my peers that I feel is a viable subject... Fashion Overkill!

Now what exactly is fashion overkill? It is when you see somebody who has just overloaded their outfit with too many styles or trends and accessories all at once. You see it everyday and just never know what to make of it. It's when you say to yourself that would be cute if they didn't have on so much of such- n-such!

Ladies:

If you are going to accessorize, make sure that you don't over do it. For instance, if you are wearing a shirt with a collar, (polo style or button ups), DO NOT wear chandelier or "dangly" earrings. Any and every magazine that you pick up will tell you the same thing. Still people do it.

If you do wear "dangly" earrings, the shirt should be one that has a v-neck, scoop neck, or a crew neck.

Now if you look in the mirror and you see that you have on shades, dangly earrings, a necklace, bracelets, rings and a watch, you're doing too much. It's either 2 or less. You do the math: Shades + dangly earrings = cute.

Shades+ earrings + necklace + belt + etc = too much!

If you are going to wear the multi-strand necklace look, then you should wear studs or if you choose, no earrings at all. Handbags can also add to the clutter of an outfit. If you are wearing minimal accessories, balance it out with an oversized bag. Bright colors and metallics are good choices.

If you are heavy in accessories, then a small clutch or wristlet will make your outfit come together a lot better.

Guys:

I can't say enough about how many of you commit this infraction everyday... Do-rag, hats, shades, chains, watch, rings, I mean really! Have you ever heard of less is more?

Wearing a nice watch and a nice earring (or a pair) is cool. Not doing too much, but you're doing just enough. Its when you start looking like Camron wearing humongous prom-like earrings, knowing full well that they aren't the least bit real, is when you reach "lame" status.

We know that everybody can't afford real 2 or 3 carat earrings, but if you're going to get the cubic zirconias, don't go to the beauty supply store. Go somewhere where they appear to be realistic.

When you are wearing t-shirts, are 4 necessary? The whole multi-layer, color t-shirt look... Get over it. What's wrong with just wearing a wife beater, a t-shirt and maybe another color shirt?

I understand that you are trying to coordinate with your shoes, but all I can say is LESS IS MORE!!

If you are a friend of somebody who overkills their outfit, let them know. If you don't, you're not their friend, honestly!

Until next week, Be fashionable, not fashionDIsabled!



By MAKEDA TILLMAN
Contributor

Aggies are continually making marks in the world in many different ways. Professional Theater Major, Sujotta Pace is aiming to make hers by beginning to plan and train for the upcoming Olympics.

Pace is currently on the North Carolina A&T State University Swim Team where she has been since her freshmen year. Her events have been the freestyle and back stroke.

As a young child Pace's mother encouraged her to swim and since then she has grown a passion for it. She began swimming with the Terra Tarpins of New York and later her family relocated to Atlanta, Ga. where she began to swim with the City of Atlanta Dolphins throughout high school.

Shortly after being observed at a swim meet in the summer of 2002, Shawn Hendrix, A&T Swim Team coach, recruited Pace for the team.

Performing in the Olympics is a goal that Pace has contemplated for a while. Over a recent break she considered this accomplishment in

even more depth.

"I had a sit down over Christmas Break...I did some soul searching and decided if that's what I really wanted to do"

Pace says that training is more than just a normal swimming practice. Even though she is a swimmer she must still do running and regular workouts. She has begun by participating in a program called Energy Fitness. Two days a week she runs, exercises and does extreme and endurance workouts. In the evening she does weight training and boxing exercise.

While at school, Pace still continues to run, lift weights and do abdominal workouts during the week.

Pace's inspiration to do this is her mother. Pace says she has been with her all the way.

"My mother inspired me because she was persistent and I'm glad that she was because it made me realize how much I love swimming and how much I can do with it"

Pace also believes that she is a real competitor and that swimming is a real talent for her.

"Keeping my swimming abilities earned me a scholarship, now I can use it to go further, so I am just taking it one step at a time...Just training for this may take me somewhere else, and if

maybe I do make it to the Olympics that will take me to another level," Pace said.

Right now Pace feels as though performing in the Olympics is in her heart. She also feels that like anything else you want to do in life you must work hard for it.

"...If you want to do something you have to have the passion for what you want to do, and I think that I have that passion and the heart to go further in my swimming," she said.

Pace also expresses that she knows that she is not the fastest but it is something that she must work hard at everyday. Her process is mental, physical and spiritual.

"I have to meditate and tell myself this is what I'm going to do to get there, physically you have to work out, eat right and do no harm to your body in any kind of way, spiritually its something you have to pray about it and ask for strength to get to practice," Pace said.

Recently, Pace performed at the 2005 Northeast Conference Swimming and Diving Championship with the Lady Aggies Swim Team. There she placed first in the heats of 100 and 200 backstroke and second in the heat of 200 IM.

Seasonale Not Backed By Planned Parenthood

By STANCHEKA BOONE
Contributor

With all the different types and brands of birth control, an addition to the market offers women an alternative in controlling how their body operates.

Seasonale, manufactured by Barr Laboratories, is a new birth control pill that allows women to cut down on menstrual cramps as well as the number of menstrual periods they receive every year. The number of menstrual periods is reduced from 13 to four.

While this sounds like a dream come true for many girls entering womanhood, this is not appealing to some. In a survey done by the Association of Reproductive Health Professionals, women reported how many periods they would prefer to have per year. 22% wanted a period every month, 15% wanted a period every other month, 20% wanted a period every three months, 10% wanted a period every six months and 32% wanted to never have a period.

Although there are fewer periods with Seasonale, there is definitely more spotting and breakthrough bleeding. Ebonee Greene, freshman Accounting major, said she would not be happy taking Seasonale and getting only four periods a year.

"I feel very uncomfortable about that because how would I know when these four times are coming up and is it really worth gambling, not knowing when your period is going to come on," said Greene. Seasonale also embodies



Seasonale has become pretty popular.

the same risks that are associated with all birth control pills. There is an increased risk of blood clots, heart attacks, strokes and some weight gain. Cigarette smokers increase their chances even more. It really comes down to whether you are willing to take a risk.

Everything about Seasonale does not present negative facts. Seasonale users experience fewer cramps and a decrease in ovarian cysts, pelvic inflammatory disease and blood loss.

Seasonale consists of the same ingredients as other birth control pills. The way you take them is the only difference. Instead of taking an active pill for three weeks and an inactive pill for one week, you would be taking an active pill every day for three months (84 days), and an inactive pill for one week, resulting in a period once every three months.

Health professionals at Planned Parenthood in Greensboro say that this is not a big revolutionary concept.

"This can be done with all birth control pills that have the same dosage," said Planned Parenthood Community Health Educator, Paula Williams. "The only thing is, women don't know."

Williams said that Planned Parenthood does not support it.

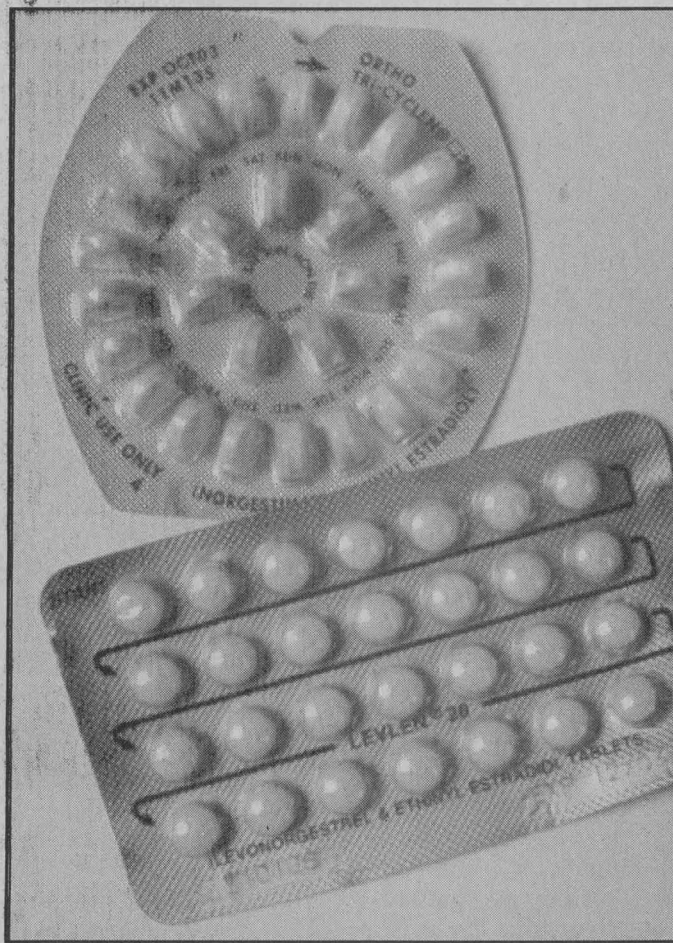
"We don't think its right to charge so much for Seasonale because it is exactly the same as other pills," said Williams.

When a woman is not taking "the pill"

her ovaries release an egg and her uterine lining builds up to support and nurture the egg. When the egg is not fertilized in two weeks, the lining sheds. This is the "menstrual period." The period that women receive when taking Seasonale is referred to as a "pill period." This is because the woman is not ovulating. Her uterine lining is not building up nor shedding very much.

The only reason that you have the pill period is because manufacturers of birth control pills and early health professionals think that women are more likely to take the pill every day if they are still getting a period.

Seasonale is 99% effective in preventing pregnancy if taken everyday at the same time, however gynecologists warn users not to rule out pregnancy if the pill period does not come as scheduled. They also warn that Seasonale does not protect against sexually transmitted diseases, so they should take other precautions.



Seasonale can cost as much as \$400. Other forms of oral contraceptives and various types of condoms are not as expensive.

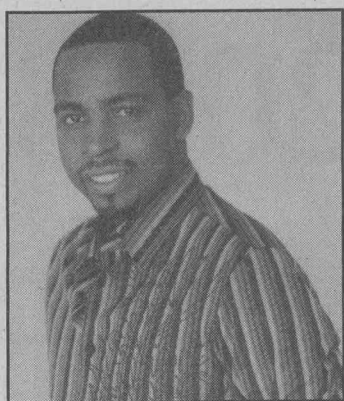
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MR. MANN FRISBY RELEASES BOOK TITLED 'WIFEBEATER'

By Crystal Arrington
Contributor

Mister Mann Frisby has a passion for writing urban suspense novels. His work is as unique as his name. Frisby, 30, began his journalism career at the Philadelphia Daily News in 1997 after completing a three-month internship. Frisby was a reporter in Philadelphia for three and a half years. The South Philadelphia native left his reporting job and began writing novels in 2001.

Frisby received a degree in journalism from Penn State in 1997. After his first self-published novel, "Blinking



Frisby had great success with his first book.

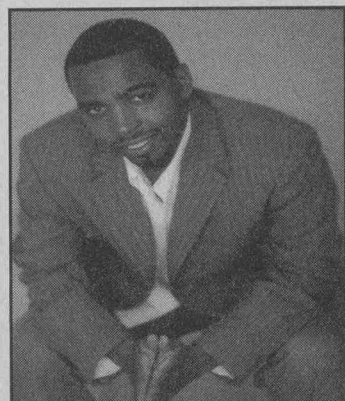
Red Light," sold more than 15,000 copies, he was given a two-book deal from Penguin Books.

Frisby, a single father to

Skye, 3, has a love for all youth. He is the founder and head coach of PhatBack Athletics, an all-boys track club and mentor program. He has served as a coach for ten years. His program has left a positive impression on the boys and influenced them to attend college.

Frisby has been inspired by a little bit of everything. He says he has always been a creative writer and was born to do it. His mother's library in their apartment inspired his writing while growing up.

Frisby's motivation comes from his readership's direct feedback. He wants his readers to be in suspense so



'Wifebeater' is said to be one his best books.

they will have to know what will happen next. He is featured in the April 2005 issue of Ebony Magazine as one of the nation's "Future

Leaders." He has been on "The Oprah Winfrey Show" and A&E's "Biography," in addition to numerous talk shows in Philadelphia.

Frisby just released his second novel, "Wifebeater," in March 2005. "It's been in the making for a long time and it's all coming together," confirms Frisby.

"Wifebeater" is about a single father struggling to take care of his daughter when he accidentally finds incriminating evidence about a rapper that could possibly be his ticket to financial freedom.

Frisby will visit A&T's campus from 7-9p.m. on Apr. 7 to discuss and sign

his latest novel, "Wifebeater," which will be on sale for \$14. In addition, there will be book signings, book sales and discussions at the Four Seasons Town Centre. While touring, Frisby looks forward to visiting Greensboro once again. His next stop is Baltimore.

According to Frisby and Amazon.com, his latest novel, "Wifebeater", has received great reviews.

"Young writers should surround themselves with positive people that support their dreams and have positive energy," Frisby stresses. "Eliminate those that have negative energy," he adds.

Lorenzo Lauren Enterprises offer job opportunities to fellow Aggies

By Crystal Arrington
Contributor

Lorenzo Lauren Enterprises is a marketing company that handles marketing promotions, print promotional modeling, talent management and event planning.

Christopher Parler, junior management information systems major and Patrick Lynch, a graduate of the school of business with a degree in marketing, founded Lorenzo Lauren Enterprises in July 2004.

The company's mission is to maintain constant progression with the formulation and execution of original forms of entrepreneurship through free enterprise.

Lynch, also co-founder of Couture Productions, used the modeling troupe as a catalyst to start LLE. The company's name comes from the names of Lynch's nephew and niece.

Parler finds it simple to balance being a college student and being co-owner of a marketing company. "Since my partner graduated and is pretty much free, I put more pressure on him when school gets hectic," says Parler.

He recalls a time when Lynch was in Washington D.C. for four days, leaving him to manage things alone. In spite of his partner's absence, he was able to handle it on his own. Lately, his class schedule hasn't been too tedious to handle the business.

Parler's goal is to make the company marketable in North Carolina. He wants LLE to have a positive impact on his hometown, Washington D.C., as well. "I definitely see it becoming larger than what it was," he stresses. His vision is to see LLE expand tremendously in the next year.

Parler plans to visit Russia as a foreign exchange student prior to graduating. By no means is he considering branching off from LLE. He hopes his endeavors will help contribute financially to the company. "This is no hustle at all," Parler said. "I've been on an entrepreneurial spirit since second



grade," he adds.

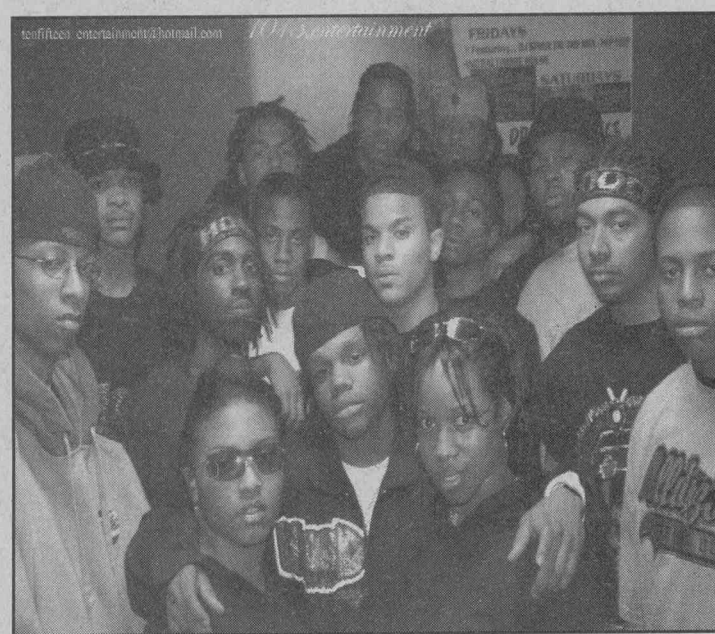
Lynch has seen several aspects of the working world. He has taken on corporate jobs, internships, a UPS job and grocery stores. He is also credited for working at BET's Teen Summit from 1996 to 1999.

LLE began with eight female models, also known as the Ladies of Lorenzo

moted at Howard's homecoming festivities.

LLE was contracted by AllDaz Clothing on Jan. 27 to help plan a fashion show and photo shoot, along with live entertainment from the H.O.O.D band, also managed by LLE.

H.O.O.D is the acronym for Having Only One Dream. The H.O.O.D band



Lauren. The ladies promoted the company by wearing the Lorenzo Lauren Enterprises signature shirt, attending major functions and hosting their own events.

LLE now has a team of 20 promotional female models from A&T, UNCG and Bennett, a marketing staff and male models.

The company is producing its signature Female and Male calendars, which will be released in August. The calendars will feature over 25 male and female models. The calendar will be pro-

is a Go-Go band comprised of A&T students from the Washington D.C. Metropolitan area.

Their hard work and dedication was rewarded at Club 9 on Jan. 27 when the band opened for Washington D.C.'s premier act in go-go music, the Backyard Band, featuring Big G, also known as Slim Charles of HBO's hit series, "The Wire". The H.O.O.D band is scheduled to perform at Aggie Fest on Apr. 11.

LLE serves as a networking tool to interact with other companies. "It is

important to network more than anything," emphasizes Lynch. He feels great receiving gratification from something he owns.

"There's no better feeling than knowing you did it," he says. "God puts people in our path to bless us in some way and help each other."

LLE began a partnership with 1015 Entertainment, a multimedia entertainment marketing company owned by Patrick Kwankam. This multimedia company specializes in the field of virtual portfolios created for models on DVD.

LLE has partnered with Khalila White's 'K. White Designs,' created for men and women and Iman Fashions, an original design clothing company owned by Ayende of Philadelphia. Both Iman Fashions and K. White Designs were promoted at the Carolina Theater on Feb. 18 during the Streets of Purple and Gold Fashion Competition.

H.O.O.D, along with two Washington D.C. bands, will be apart of "Go-Go Experience" at the Greensboro Ballroom on Apr. 22. On Apr. 23, LLE plans to attend Bennett's Outside Ebony Soul Concert, followed by a fashion show at Club 9.

LLE and White Tee Entertainment will host a hair and fashion show at the Carolina Theater in the summer.

Lynch advises aspiring entrepreneurs to be humble and realize that typically \$1 million will not be made over night. Owning a business takes willingness and teamwork. "You can't do it by yourself," says Lynch. "You have to have others willing to work with you and for you. They have to be willing to go through hardships and good times."

Lynch would rather be miserable working for himself than working for someone else. With dedication and teamwork, both Parler and Lynch see Lorenzo Lauren Enterprises becoming large within and outside North Carolina.

Beanie Sigel's 'The B. Coming' said to be instant classic

By Jason Hardmond
Contributor

Rapper Dwight Grant, better known as Beanie Sigel, dropped his third album on March 29 titled "The B.Coming" on Roc-A-Fella Records. Sigel, who is now serving a one-year sentence on a federal gun charge, has created the album of his career.

Over the last few years, Sigel has been very busy with music, acting in an upcoming movie called "State Property 2," his State Property clothing line and also five music videos in five days; but most of the attention is on his legal troubles. In addition to his one-year sentence, Sigel is also facing an attempted murder charge stemming from a previous incident in 2003.

"The B.Coming" is the epitome of East Coast hardened rap music with poetic metaphors of street life begging with "Feel It in the Air" featuring Melissa. "Gotta Have It" featuring State Property partner, Peedi Peedi, has a complicated beat but the battle raps are satisfactory. Peedi Peedi is also featured on the heart-racing "Flatline," which depicts two individuals who refuse to lose to the streets and will do anything to make it.

The album also has its slower, calmer and

smoother cuts like the Neptunes produced "Don't Stop" featuring Snoop Dogg and "Purple Rain" featuring well-known Texas rapper Bun B of U.G.K. "Purple Rain" is a song that glorifies drinking cough syrup leisurely and is produced by DJ Scratch.



Beanie Sigel is known for his dark, crime-life lyrics and does not disappoint on this album. "Tales of a Hustler pt. 2," featuring State Property members Oschino and Sparks, produced by Boola, is a continuing depiction of a life of

crime that actually pays. Also, "Wanted on the Run" featuring Cam'Ron of the Diplomats, portrays a paranoid Sigel trying to stay out of sight from federal agents and gives some advice on what to do when on the lam.

Sigel expresses his transformation from a simple street thug to a prospering rapper and business entrepreneur through this album and particularly through the song "Look at Me Now." He demonstrates his emotional vulnerability and his new, more mature style of rap. This CD is a must-have in your collection. It demands repeated listens and is the most entertaining since Sigel's first album "The Truth."

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Must-have albums for the Spring of 2005

Faith Evans - The First Lady
Beanie Sigel - The B. Coming
112 - Pleasure and Pain
Will Smith - Lost and Found
C- Murder - The truest **** I Ever Said
Pastor Troy - The Face Off Part II

Fat Joe - All or Nothing
Kanye West - Late Registration
Brooke Valentine - Chain Letter
Yin Yang Twins - United States of Atlanta
Cassidy - I'm A Hustler (street album)
Styles P - Time Is Money

A&T CRUSHES FIGHTING HAWKS IN THREE-GAME SERIES

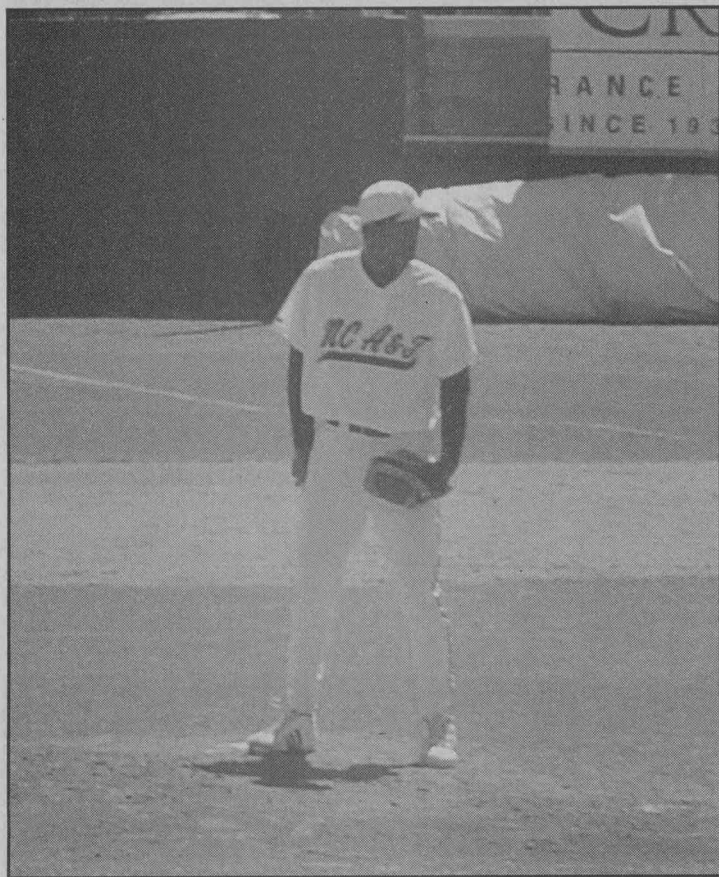


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The Aggies have won five of the last seven games.

MIKE MCCRAY
Contributor

The Maryland-Eastern Shore Fighting Hawks didn't show much fight in the

Saturday night doubleheader with the Aggies.

In the first game, the Fighting Hawks pitching staff was no match for Aggie batters. Eight Aggies had at

least one hit as A&T cruised over Maryland-Eastern Shore 17-6.

Reigning MEAC Player of the Week Charlie Gamble continued his torrid hitting against conference opponents. Gamble went 4 for 5, hitting for the cycle with three RBIs and a stolen base.

"I didn't think about it until I got to the dugout and they told me all I needed was a triple for the cycle, so every at-bat after that, that's all I thought about and I got a high fastball and drove it out," said Gamble.

Gamble wasn't the only star in the Aggies victory.

Pitcher Mike Hauff pitched a complete game with a career-high 15 strikeouts.

"It wasn't my best game but I grinded it out," said Hauff.

With the win, Hauff goes to 5-1 on the season.

Game two saw the temperatures drop into the low 40's but the Aggies continued their hot hitting en route to a dominating 19-2 victory in only seven innings.

The surprise star of the evening was freshman Phil

Brewerton who had a grand slam in the 3rd inning.

Ian DiGiorgio pitched a complete game, giving up just two runs on five hits with three strikeouts.

Coach Shumate was obviously proud of his team.

"It was a tough night to play and the kids did a good job," said Shumate.

On Apr. 3, A&T picked up right where it left off the night before. Three different Aggies had three hits in a 15-8 spanking of Maryland-Eastern Shore.

Down 7-6 at the end of the sixth, the Aggies scored nine runs in the seventh and eighth innings.

John Primus (4-1) pitched seven innings, allowing 10 hits and gave up four earned runs for the Aggies.

However, the Aggies were unlucky as they made six errors.

Jeremy Jones went 3 for 5 with three RBIs and Neil Rosser went 3 for 4 with three RBIs for the Aggies (15-20, 8-4).

The Aggies will start their eight-game road trip against Savannah State on Apr. 9.

Lady Aggies sweep Savannah State, Norfolk State

FROM THE REGISTER
SPORTS DEPARTMENT

On Apr. 1 A&T made their match-up against Savannah State too easy as they won the doubleheader at Aggie Softball Complex.

In game one, the Lady Aggies crushed the Lady Tigers 10-0 in five innings.

Adia Dial pitched a complete game by allowing only two hits and struck out three.

Savannah State pitcher Kristen Horton had a rough afternoon. Horton gave up nine hits and five earned runs.

In game two, it was the same as the Lady Aggies cruised 16-0 in five innings.

Latronda Anderson pitched a no-hitter and struck out 10. The Lady Aggies scored 10 runs in the third inning.

On Apr. 5 the Lady Aggies swept Norfolk State in a doubleheader at Norfolk, Va.

In game one, Anderson pitched a solid game as A&T won 2-0.

In game two, Dial (4-3) pitched another shutout as the Lady Aggies cruised 10-0.

The Lady Aggies will play at home against Florida A&M on Apr. 8. There will be a special dedication at noon to the Aggie Softball Field.



Photo by Gregory Bond

Adia Dial had shut out back-to-back games over Savannah State and Norfolk State.

Phoenix cruise over Aggies

FROM THE REGISTER
SPORTS DEPARTMENT

Elon cruised past A&T women's tennis team 7-0 on Apr. 5, at the Jimmy Powell Tennis Center in Elon, N.C.

In the singles matches, Kelly Fleck won 6-0, 6-0 over Haniyyah Madyun,

Elizabeth Kernodle shutout out Palmer 6-0, 6-0. Melissa Holland defeated Kathryn Jackson 6-1, 6-3. Molly Cade defeated Christina Ruffin 6-1, 6-0. Diana Pulupa won 6-1, 6-2 over Ross and Alli Benton defeated Shannon Pittman 6-1, 6-3.

In the doubles, Evin Prelec

and Fleck defeated Ruffin and Madyun 8-5. Holland and Kernodle cruised past Karissa Johnaon and Terika Palmer 8-2 and Pulupa and Benton won 8-1 over Jackson and Pittman.

The Aggie men's team will play at home against Liberty on Apr. 8 at 1 p.m.

A&T Schedule

Baseball - Apr. 9, at Savannah State, Savannah, Ga., 1 p.m.; Apr. 10, at Savannah State, Savannah, Ga., 12 p.m.; Apr. 12, at Winthrop, at Rock Hill, S.C., 7:30 p.m.

Softball - Apr. 9, Florida A&M, 2 p.m. DH; Apr. 9, Charleston Southern, 2 p.m. DH

Tennis - (Men) Apr. 8, Liberty 1 p.m.

Track - Apr. 8-9, Murray Nelly Relays, at Irwin Belk Track

A&T baseball is alive

COMMENTARY BY
GREGORY BOND
Sports Editor

For those of you who have not been keeping up with the baseball team this year, the Aggies might have a chance to win the MEAC title.

The Aggies defeated some of the top teams in the conference. They won the three-game series over Bethune-Cookman and are now in fourth place in the conference.

The Aggies also have offense and defense. They are second in offense with a batting average of .290 with a league leading 18 home runs and 177 runs.

Jeremy Jones leads the conference in hits (54), dou-

bles (17), runs scored (31) and total bases (84). Charlie Gamble, who was voted as MEAC Player of the Week on Mar. 28, leads the MEAC in homers with seven and RBIs with 30.

On defense, five A&T pitchers are ranked in the top 10 in earned runs allowed. Michael Hauff leads the MEAC in strikeouts with 70. Freshman pitcher John Primus, who was named MEAC Pitcher of the Week on Mar. 28, is now 4-1.

Since it is spring and it is not cold outside, go out and support them. We have only two games left in the season (Apr. 23-24 verses Coppin State). Besides, there is nothing else to do.

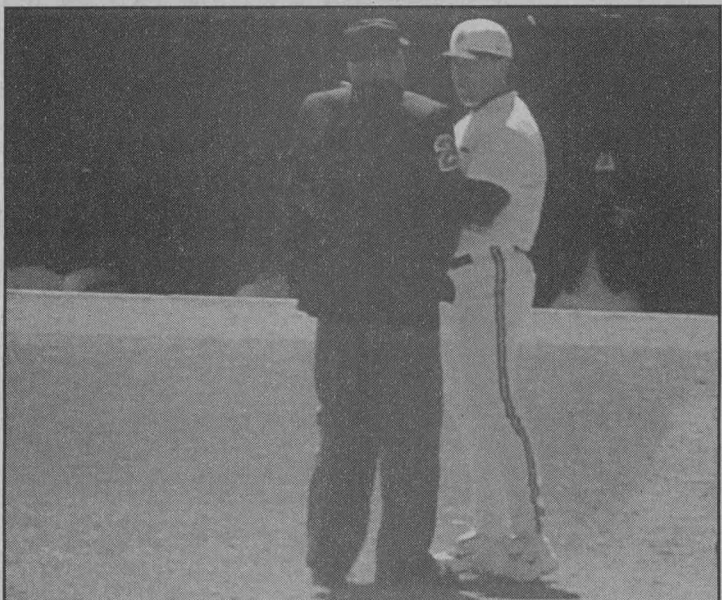


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Aggies head coach Keith Shumate discusses a questionable call with the umpire.

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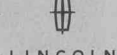


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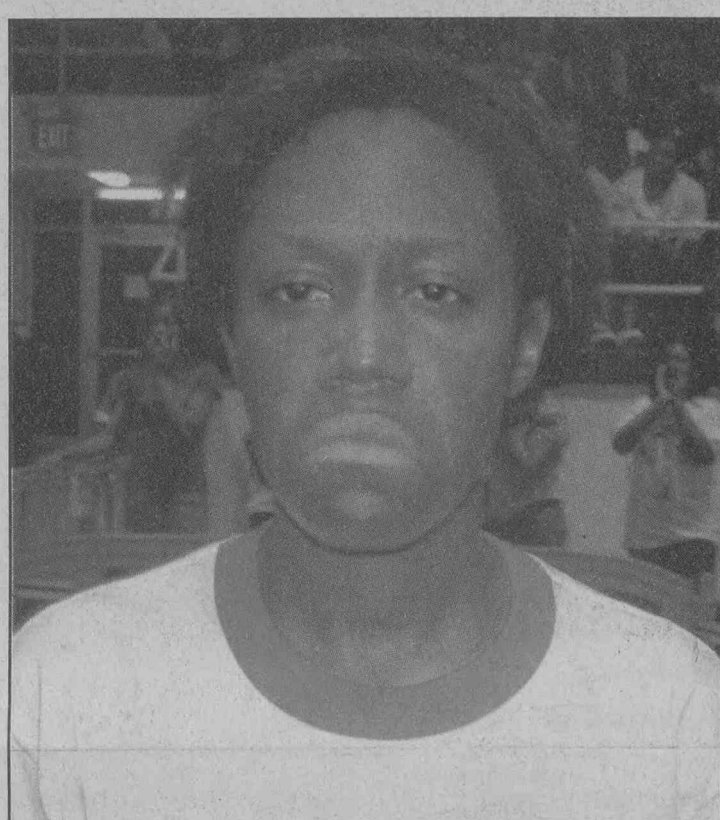
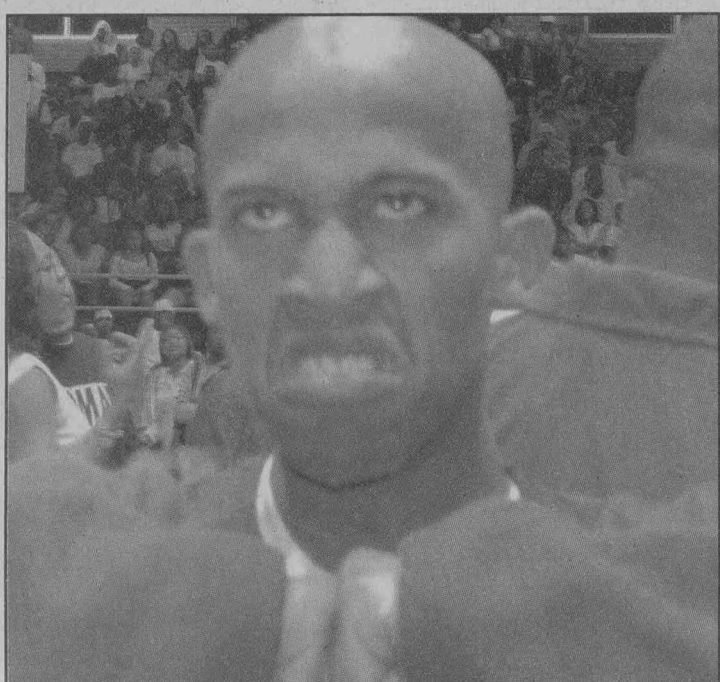
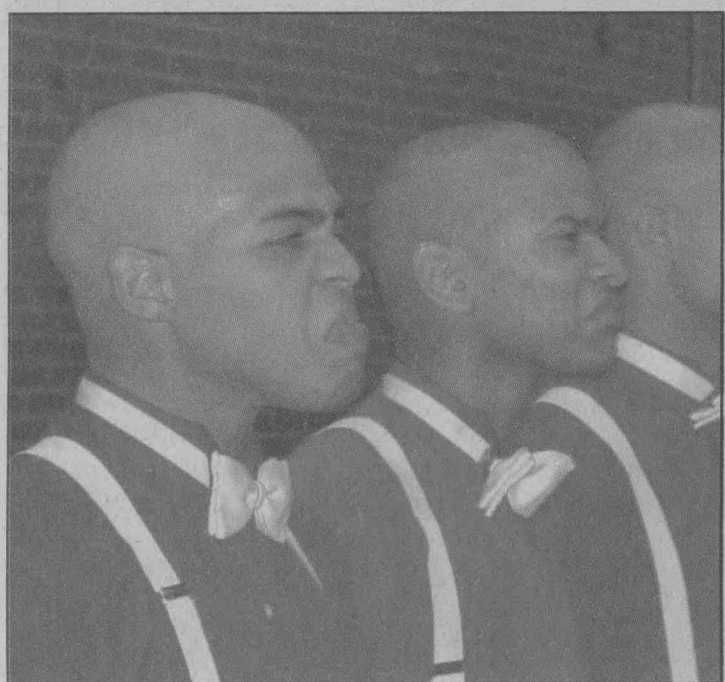
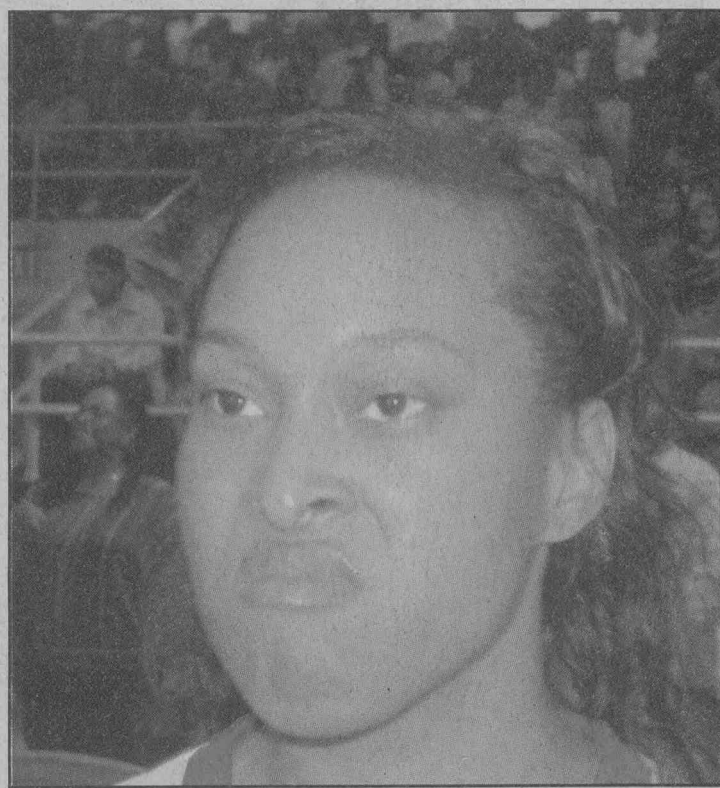
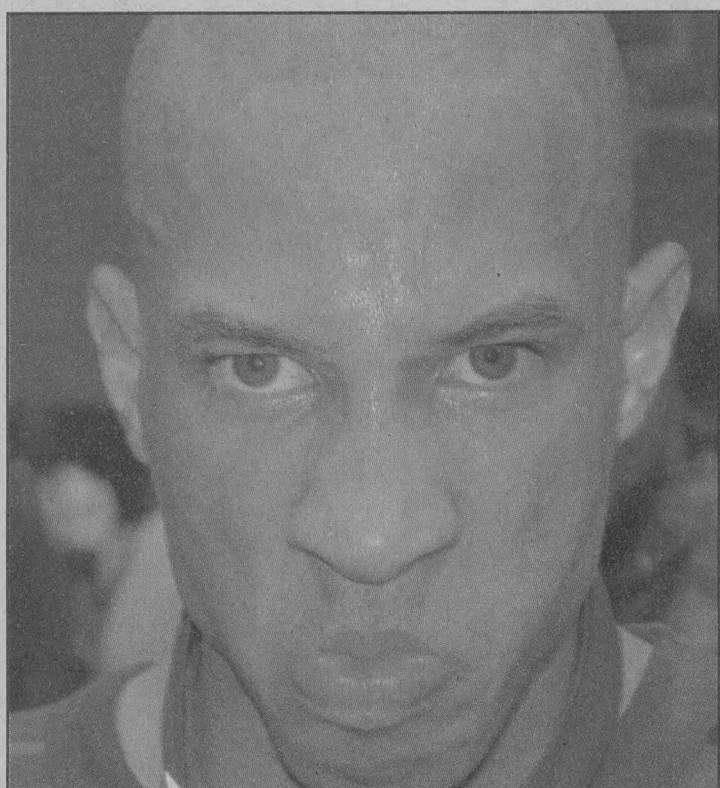


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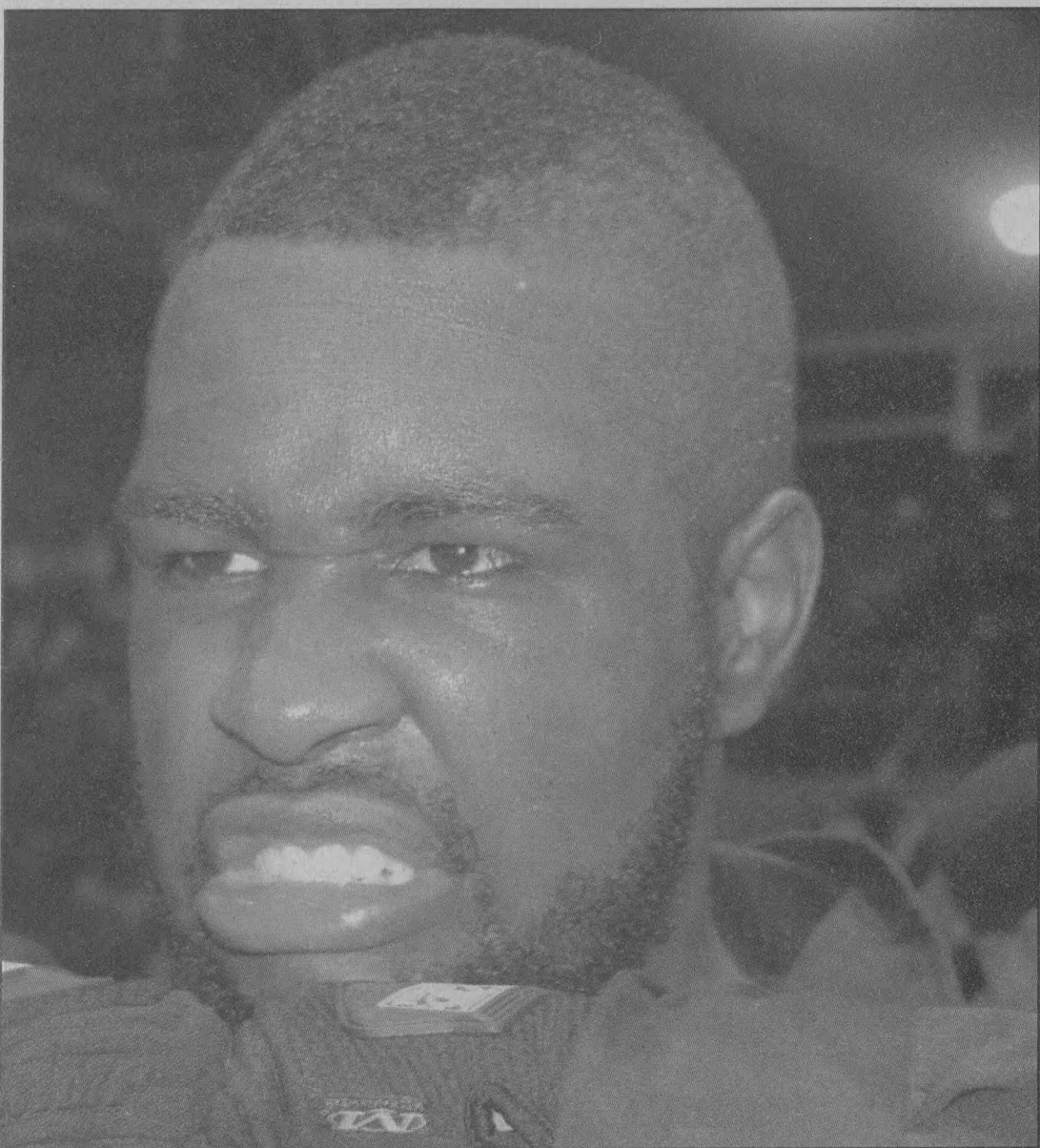
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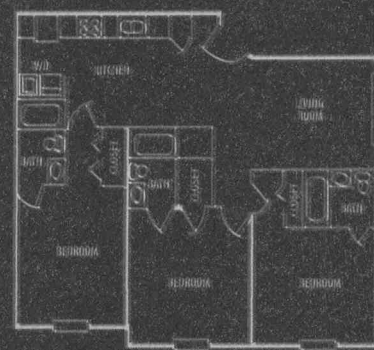


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